Scheme for solving labour problems

3351. SHRI SHIV PRATAP MISHRA : Will the Minister of LABOUR be pleased to state :

(a) whether Government have made any scheme under which the labour problem in major industries are to be solved within a short time;

(b) if so, what are the details thereof; and

(c) if not, what are the reasons therefor ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF LABOUR (SHRI P. A. SANGMA) : (a) to (c) There is no specific 'scheme' to solve labour problems in major industries within a short time. However, efforts are being made to streamline Industrial Relations Law.

Unemployment among Agricultural Workers

3352. SHRI KRISHAN LAL SHARMA : Will the Minister o LABOUR be pleased to state :

(a) whether it is a fact that unemployment among the agricultural workers in the country is on the increase;

(b) if so, what is the total number of agricultural workers in the country at present and the number of unemployed among them, State-wise; and

(c) what steps Government are taking to check the growth unemployment among agriciultural workers ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF LABOUR (SHRI P. A. SANGMA) : (a) According to available informatoin the growth rate of employment in agriculture has been less than the growth rate of the agricultural workforce, resulting in the availability of fewer days of work per person engaged in agriculture.

(b) A statement is attached (see below).

(c) The Government are administering a number of schemes such as Integrated Rural Development Programme (IRDP), Training for Rural Youth for Self Employment (TRYSEM), Jawahar Rozgar Yojna (JRY) for enhancing employment opportunities in rural areas. The 8th Plan is also laying considerable stress on creation of employment opportunities in the farm and non-farm sector in rural areas.

Statement

Sl. No.	State/U.T.	No. of Agricultural Labourers (1991 Census)	Unemployment rate as per usual Status in Rural Areas (43rd NSS Round) of Employment Unemployment survey 1987-88	
			Male	Female
1	2	3	4	5
INDIA		74,119,217	2.8	3.5
1.	Andhra Pradesh	11,273,566	2.5	4.5
2.	Assam	311,386	4.7	11.3
3.	Bihar	9,544,444	2.6	0.8
4.	Gujrat	3,202,069	2.4	1.7
5.	Haryana	895,957	6.5	4.3
6.	Himachal Pradesh	60,886	4.5	0.9
7.	Jammu & Kashmir	--	1.8	1.9
8.	Karnataka	4,957,496	1.6	1.3
9.	Kerala	2,103,395	12.5	25.0
10.	Madhya Pradesh	5,863,461	0.9	1.2
11.	Maharashtra	8,311,402	2.1	1.2
12.	Manipur	63,350	0.9	1.8
13.	Meghalaya	95,895	-	-

1	2	3	4	5
14.	Nagaland	23,889	No Survey	
15.	Orissa	2,973,455	3.8	5.4
16.	Punjab	1,406,953	2.9	7.4
17.	Rajasthan	1,404,387	3.0	1.8
18.	Sikkm	13,280	3.3	4.5
19.	Tamil Nadu	7,846,190	4.0	4.5
20.	Tripura	186,671	2.8	6.8
21.	Uttar Pradesh	7,952,047	1.8	1.2
22.	West Bengal	5,037,075	3.0	10.6
23.	A. & N. Islands	4,867	2.7	7.7
24.	Arunachal Pradesh	19,074	—	—
25.	Chandigarh	1,564	3.7	—
26.	D. & N. Haveli	6,424	0.9	—
27.	Delhi	25,526	5.7	—
28.	Goa	35,162	16.2	13.8
29.	Daman & Diu	1,174	—	—
30.	Lakshadweep	—	11.4	60.9
31.	Mizoram	10,835	—	—
32.	Pondicherry	76,837	6.1	9.0

NOTE :—The male & female unemployment rates express the percentage of unemployed males and females to the corresponding male and female labour force (employed and unemployed together).

Full exploitation of coking coal reserves

3353. SHRI V. NARAYANASAMY : Will the Minister of COAL be pleased to state :

(a) whether it is a fact that there is large quantity of coking coal available in India and the same is not being exploited fully;

(b) if so, what are the reasons therefor ;

(c) whether Government have identified some more areas where coking coal is in plenty; and

(d) if so, what are the details thereof ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF COAL (SHRI AJIT KUMAR PANJA) : (a) and (b) As on 1-1-1993, Geological Survey of India have estimated reserves of coking coal of different varieties at 29361 million tonnes which is 15% of the overall assessed coal reserves of the country. As against this, the production of all varieties of coking coals is about 20% of the overall production in the country of which little over half conform to metallurgiacl grades. There are, however, serious geo-mining, technological and infrastructural problems restricting the faster development of coking coal mines in the country.

(c) and (d) Besides traditional coalfields in the State of Bihar, some reserves of coking coal have also been indicated by Geological Survey of India in the coalfields of Sohagpur and Sonhat in the State of Madhya Pradesh and coalfields in Assam, Meghalaya and Arunachal Pradesh.

Social security for factory workers, unorganised agricultural labourers and others

3354. SHRI RAMDAS AGARWAL : Will the Minister of LABOUR be pleased to state :

(a) whether there is any proposal under Government's consideration to provide social security to factory workers, un-employed Youth Farmers, Un-organised agricultural labour and other sectors of society;

(b) if so, what are the details thereof; and

(c) if not, what are the reasons therefor ?